



# Carlsbad Police Department

## PRESS RELEASE

<b>Crime/Incident:</b>	664/187 P.C. – Attempted Murder X 6	<b>Case:</b>	10-6360
<b>Date:</b>	October 8, 2010	<b>Time:</b>	1212 Hours
<b>Location:</b>	Kelly Elementary School, 4885 Kelly Dr.		
<b>Suspect 1:</b>	Brendan L. O'Rourke	<b>Age:</b>	41
<b>Suspect 2:</b>	None	<b>Age:</b>	
<b>Victim 1:</b>	Female Child	<b>Age:</b>	7
<b>Victim 2:</b>	Female Child	<b>Age:</b>	6

**Summary:** On this date, Carlsbad Police dispatchers received several 911 calls of shots heard in the area of Kelly Elementary School. Prior to officers' arrival, callers were able to see a subject on the campus firing at children on the playground.

When officers arrived, they found the subject O'Rourke being detained by three civilian witnesses who had intervened. Steven Kane, Mario Contreras and Carlos Partida, of Chula Vista, were on the campus working in a construction area when they heard shots and kids screaming. The three men ran around the building and observed O'Rourke near the school, firing rounds with a handgun. As the three approached the shooter, he turned and ran towards his vehicle, which he had parked near the playground, along the east side of the school. As Kane and Contreras chased O'Rourke, he appeared to be attempting to reload his handgun.

Partida got into his own vehicle and drove around the school to the area where the suspect had parked. As Kane and Contreras chased the suspect over the playground fence, Partida struck the suspect with his truck, knocking him to the ground. The three good Samaritans then held O'Rourke down and removed the weapon from him.

O'Rourke was transported to the Carlsbad Police Department for questioning. He complained of pain to his back and neck and was transported for treatment and released for booking. O'Rourke will be booked into the Vista Detention Facility for six counts of Attempted Murder and numerous violations involving weapons.

San Diego County Sheriff Bomb Squad personnel responded to the scene to clear the suspect's vehicle, which had a propane tank adjacent to it. In addition, the suspect had taken a small gas can onto the playground. Bomb personnel found no explosive devices or hazardous materials in or around O'Rourke's car. It is believed that O'Rourke possessed the single handgun.

Initial press releases indicated that witnesses had observed O'Rourke in a Halloween outfit, carrying a jack-o-lantern and these have been determined to be false. It was also relayed that he had been yelling obscenities about the President of the United States and this was also false.

The two victims are admitted at Rady Children's Hospital with through-and-through wounds to each of their right arms. No other injuries were reported.

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